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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CALL BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLSTIKOV, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM MOSCOW, PAID A RETURN COURTESY CALL ON ME JANUARY 14. AS USUAL, TOLSTIKOV JOVIALLY ENGATED IN PUSHING SOVIET LINE, BUT THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF SOME INTEREST EMERGED.

2. SUCCESSION QUESTION AND THE NPC. TOLSTIKOV LAUGHED AT THE GUESSING GAME THAT GOES ON CONCERNING THE SUCCESSION QUESTION IN PEKING, BUT SAID HE TOO WAS UNCLEAR ABOUT WHO WILL SUCCEED MAO AND CHOU EN-LAI. WITH HIS HAND HELD SLIGHTLY OFF THE FLOOR, TOLSTIKOV DESCRIBED TENG HSIAO-PING AS A "DWARF" AND SAID TENG WOULD NOT LAST FOR LONG IF HE ROSE TO THE TOP. "THE OTHERS HAVE A VERY THICK FILE ON HIM, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO DO WHAT THEY SAY OR THEY WOULD WHACK HIM WITH THAT FILE." WANG HUNG-WEN WAS CONSIDERED TOO YOUNG. TOLSTIKOV DIDN'T FEEL WE WOULD LEARN TOO MUCH FROM THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WHICH IS "ON NOW". I PRESSED HIM ON THIS AND HE
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SAID MANY MEETINGS ARE GOING ON NOW TO HAMMER OUT THE LINE AND GET

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AGREEMENT. HE MENTIONED THAT ON HIS WAY TO SEE ME HE SAW MUCH ACTIVITY

AT THE STADIUM WITH MANY CARS OF ALL TYPES.

3. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. TOLSTIKOV FELT THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS BUT FELT, THAT GIVEN TIME, THEY WOULD CERTAINLY GET BETTER. TOLSTIKOV CONTINUES TO BE STRONGLY HOSTILE TO THE PRC, AND WHEN I SHOWED HIM A PICTURE OF PRESIDENT FORD AND MY SUCCESSOR AT THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE SAYING GOODBYE TO ME, HE SAID JOKINGLY THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE REPLACED BY A WOMAN AS WELL. TOLSTIKOV CLAIMED THAT THE PRC WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE US AND USSR FIGHT, ADDING "BUT THEY WOULD BE DRAGGED IN".

4. MIDDLE EAST. IN RESPONSE TO TOLSTIKOV'S QUESTION ON U.S. VIEWS REGARDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, I TOLD HIM I HAD NO INSIDE INFORMATION BUT THAT I WAS CONCERNED. HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED THIS IN MOSCOW AND HE WAS WORRIED THAT SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT GO OFF UNCONTROLLED. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE PRC STIRRING UP TROUBLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

5. PRC IMMIGRATION. TOLSTIKOV CLAIMED THAT THE PRC IS SENDING PEOPLE OUT IN INCREASING NUMBERS TO SETTLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID THEY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE MOST PART WHO WILL SELL THE LINE IN SUCH PLACES AS EUROPE, PERU AND MALAYSIA THROUGH THE VARIOUS CHINESE COMMUNITIES IN THOSE AREAS.
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